

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 2 replace the second paragraph starting at line 11 with the following:

It is evident from the above that ~~though~~ prior art that the disclosed process looks conceptually very good but practically, it is very cumbersome [[&]] and time consuming. One will require carrying ~~have to carry~~ out number of ~~times~~ repeated operations as well as analysis to obtain optically pure compound I. Therefore, the ~~above mentioned~~ process disclosed in prior art is not [[a]] suitable process to operate [[for]] at large-scale production.